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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re application of: Janzen Lo

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For: SPINAL IMPLANTS

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**RESPONSE**

Commissioner of Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action dated January 11, 2006, Part of Paper No./Mail Date 01062006.

Claims 1, 3, 10, 11, 13, and 22 stand rejected. Claims 1 and 13 are in independent form.

The drawings are objected to as to not being of sufficient quality to permit examination. Replacement sheets have been enclosed herewith for overcoming the objection and reconsideration of the objection is respectfully requested.

Claims 1, 3, 10 and 11 stand rejected 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over the Boyle et al. Reconsideration of the rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) over the Boyle, et al. as applied to the claims, is respectfully requested.

Applicants respectfully submit that the cited references, alone or in combination, do not render the claimed methods obvious under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a). The test for